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Dr. Eric M. Shooter
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Dear Eric:

Are you beginning to make definite plans about returning to Stanford? We are looking forward to having you here, and have been able to reserve a lab module for you in the basement complex.

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From our standpoint, the soonest possible is best.

The new building is well started — at present it is a very large, deep and noisy hole into which they are just starting to pour concrete. NB above should not be bad at all for you for the year or fifteen months meantime.

Under separate cover I am sending some reprints from Silvio Varon. He is very anxious to come here, e.g. as a senior research fellow, pending some possibility of a sturdier appointment perhaps in anatomy or neurology. The only possibility would be in some loose connection with you (most cogent, sharing your space). Knowing a lot of neurocytology, he could be a valuable partner; in the other hand, you might prefer minimum complications at this stage. We have to say something in a month or two; he would be available sometime after September. What do you think?

If you want to carry on further with him yourself, you could write him at the Department of Zoology, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, where he is working now with Levi-Montalcini. He has also worked with McIlwain.

Dean Alway is resigning in June to return to academic life -- I hardly blame him. A fair bit of fuss to find a replacement, but the committee is off to a good start.

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Troubles with NIH have settled down, and there should be clear two or three years of assured and rather generous financing of the NB project before we need think much more about it, and this should really be enough to make a useful dent to justify further need. We have gone fairly heavily into instrumentation lately, especially computers. We have a dandy small computer -- the 'LINC' -- to tie to our own instruments and help with wire access to the larger computers at the Computation Center, and this is coming along beautifully. A Bendix time-of-flight mass spectrometer has just arrived which we expect to tie to the LINC; principal aim is to explore use in sequence analysis. We are also showing the ATLAS CH-4 with Djerassi in Chemistry as a complementary machine to the Bendix (high resolution vs. fast scan and easy inlet).

So hurry on over.

As ever, the best from

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

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